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1. CHIEF OF PROTOCOL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF SURINAM (GOS)
HAS PROVIDED US WITH FOLLOWING TENTATIVE IDEAS FOR
SCHEDULING. THESE ARE SO FAR AT THE PLANNING LEVEL AND
HAVE NOT BEEN PRESENTED TO THE PRESIDENT OF SURINAM, DR.
FERRIER. THEY APPEAR TO THE EMBASSY TO BE WITHIN REASONABLE
LIMITS BUT ARE, OF COURSE, SUBJECT TO AMBASSADOR YOUNG'S
OWN IDEAS. GOS DESIRES TO FIRM UP SCHEDULE BY EARLY PART
OF NEXT WEEK AND IT WOULD THEREFORE BE MOST HELPFUL TO
HAVE REACTION FROM WASHINGTON BY IMMEDIATE CABLE.

2. AUGUST 10 4:15 PM AIRCRAFT ARRIVES ZANDERIJ.
AMBASSADOR AND MRS. YOUNG WILL BE MET
AT PLANESIDE BY AMBASSADOR
ZURHELLEN, CHIEF OF PROTOCOL AND
A NOT-YET-DECIDED SENIOR OFFICIAL.
NO ARRIVAL STATEMENT OR CEREMONY.
CARS WILL BE AT PLANESIDE FOR
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IMMEDIATE DEPARTURE OF VIP PARTY
FOR PRESIDENT'S PALACE IN PARAMARIBO.
BUS TRANSPORTATION WILL BE ON HAND
FOR REMAINDER OF PARTY AND PRESS,
WHICH WILL ALSO LEAVE PROMPTLY,
FORMALITIES BEING HANDLED SEPARATELY
BY A DESIGNATED MEMBER OF PARTY.

5:15 PM IMMEDIATE PARTY ARRIVES AT
PRESIDENT'S PALACE. AMBASSADOR
YOUNG CALLS ON PRESIDENT FERRIER,
ACCOMPANIED BY AMBASSADOR ZURHELLEN
AND ONE OR TWO MEMBERS OF AMBASSADOR
YOUNG'S PARTY CHOSEN BY HIM. DRESS
FOR CALL ON THE PRESIDENT IS SUIT
WITH COAT AND TIE. ALTHOUGH SPORT
SHIRTS AND BUSH JACKETS ARE USED IN
GUYANA AND ELSEWHERE IN CARIBBEAN,
PRESIDENT FERRIER INSISTS ON THIS
FORMALITY. THOSE MEN GOING TO PALACE
WILL THEREFORE HAVE TO BOARD AIR-
CRAFT IN GEORGETOWN IN SUITS AND
TIES OR CHANGE EN ROUTE. WHILE
AMBASSADOR YOUNG IS CALLING ON
PRESIDENT, MRS. FERRIER (OR AS SHE
IS CALLED HERE IN DUTCH FASHION WITH
HER MAIDEN NAME ADDED, MRS. FERRIER-
VAS) WILL RECEIVE MRS. YOUNG. WHILE
NOT A STRICT REQUIREMENT, MRS.
FERRIER PREFERS LADIES TO WEAR HATS.
5:45 PM AFTER APPROXIMATELY 30 MINUTES OF
PRIVATE MEETINGS WITH THEIR CALLERS,
PRESIDENT AND MRS. FERRIER AND THEIR
CALLERS WILL WALK OUT ON TO LARGE
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COVERED VERANDA OF PALACE. MEANWHILE,
OTHER MEMBERS OF PARTY AND PRESS WILL
HAVE ARRIVED FROM AIRPORT AND WILL BE
ON VERANDA. AMBASSADOR YOUNG MAY
PRESENT THE OFFICIAL MEMBERS OF HIS
PARTY THEN TO THE PRESIDENT, AND THE
PRESIDENT AND AMBASSADOR YOUNG CAN
SAY A FEW WORDS TO THE ASSEMBLED
PRESS, WITH STILL AND MOVIE CAMERA
COVERAGE BY AMERICAN AND LOCAL PRESS.
6:00 PM AMBASSADOR AND MRS. YOUNG DEPART
PALACE WITH AMBASSADOR ZURHELLEN
FOR LATTER'S RESIBENCE. REMAINDER
OF PARTY INCLUDING PRESS DEPART FOR
TORARICA HOTEL.
DURING INTERVAL BETWEEN 6:00 AND
BEGINNING OF GOVERNMENT RECEPTION
AT 8:30, SEVERAL OPTIONS EXIST
FOR MR. AND MRS. YOUNG. THEY CAN
HAVE QUIET REST, INCLUDING SWIM IF
DESIRED, AND SUPPER WITH ZURHELLEN
ALONE (MRS. ZURHELLEN IS ABSENT FROM

COUNTRY). OR THEY CAN USE PART OF

TIME FOR BRIEF DRIVE AROUND PARAMARIBO
(IT IS DARK BY SEVEN) AND THEN SUPPER.
OR ZURHELLEN CAN INVITE AMERICAN AND
KEY LOCAL STAFF PLUS SMALL NUMBER OF
YOUNG PARTY TO RESIDENCE FOR INFORMAL
TALK AND BUFFET SUPPER WITH YOUNGS.
OR ZURHELLEN CAN INVITE VERY SMALL
NUMBER OF TOP SURINAM OFFICIALS (E.G.
PRIME MINISTER AND MRS. ARRON, SPEAKER
OF PARLIAMENT AND WIFE, CHIEF JUSTICE
OF SUPREME COURT AND WIFE, UP TO A
TOTAL, INCLUDING AMERICANS, OF 10
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FOR DINNER AROUND ROUND TABLE WHICH
WOULD BE RELATIVELY SIMPLE SO AS TO
BE OVER BY 8:00. MEANWHILE, OTHER
MEMBERS OF PARTY AND PRESS WOULD BE
AT TORARICA HOTEL, WELL-EQUIPPED
WITH POOL AND DINING FACILITIES.
8:30 PM RECEPTION TO BE HOSTED BY GOS.
HOST HIMSELF NOT YET DECIDED, BUT
MIGHT WELL BE PRIME MINISTER WEARING
HIS OTHER HAT AS FOREIGN MINISTER.
JUDGING BY PREVIOUS SUCH RECEPTIONS
FOR VISITING CABINET-LEVEL OFFICIALS
OF OTHER COUNTRIES, INVITEES WOULD
INCLUDE POLITICAL, BUSINESS, CULTURAL
NOTABLES OF SURINAM AND DIPLOMATIC
CORPS. EMBASSY ASSUMES ENTIRE YOUNG
PARTY, INCLUDING PRESS, WOULD BE
INVITED. IT IS QUITE POSSIBLE THAT
PRESIDENT WOULD ALSO ATTEND.
DRESS FOR RECEPTION WOULD AGAIN BE
SUITS WITH TIES, WITH LONG DRESSES
FOR LADIES.
10:30 PM END OF RECEPTION AND DAY'S ACTIVITIES.

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3. FOR AUGUST 11 SCHEDULE, WE WOULD WORK BACKWARDS. AS TAKEOFF TIME FOR PORT OF SPAIN IS 12:00 NOON, FINAL DEADLINE FOR DEPARTURE FROM PARAMARIBO FOR ZANDERIJ AIRPORT WOULD BE 11:00. IT IS EMBASSY JUDGEMENT THAT PRINCIPAL ENCOUNTER OF AMBASSADOR YOUNG WITH PRESS SHOULD BE LAST ITEM ON THE SCHEDULE, TO ENABLE HIM TO DRAW ON HIS CONVERSATIONS WITH THE PRESIDENT AND PRIME MINISTER AND WHAT HE HAD SEEN AND HEARD IN THE COUNTRY. THIS WOULD MEAN SCHEDULING PRESS CONFERENCE AT 10:00, TO ALLOW FOR INEVITABLE (IN SURINAM) DELAY IN GETTING STARTED AND NEED FOR FEW MINUTES AT END TO SAY GOODBYE AND GET READY FOR AIRPORT. WHILE WE HAVE NOT BROACHED THIS IDEA WITH GOS, IT IS LIKELY THAT PRIME MINISTER ARRON WOULD LIKE TO JOIN MR. YOUNG IN PRESS CONFERENCE AND WE CAN SEE NO REASON TO OPPOSE THAT IDEA, IF THAT SHOULD BE AGREEABLE TO AMB. YOUNG. A MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER COULD THEN BE SCHEDULED AT THE LATTER'S OFFICE AT 9:00, WITH THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE FIRST 30 MINUTES WOULD BE LIMITED TO MR. ARRON AND AN AIDE OR TWO, AND THREE OR FOUR ON AMERICAN AT MOST. THEN MR. ARRON MIGHT BRING IN TWO OR THREE OTHER MINISTERS, E.G. DEPUTY PRIME MINISTER, DEVELOPMENT, DEFENSE, ETC. FOR A BROADER DISCUSSION DURING THE SECOND 30 MINUTES. THEN, AT THE END OF THE HOUR, THE GROUP WOULD GO TO THE CABINET ROOM WHERE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRESS WOULD BE SET UP FOR THE PRESS CONFERENCE. AGAIN, PRIME MINISTER APPEARS BEFORE CAMERAS FOR PRESTIGE OCCASIONS ALWAYS IN COAT AND TIE AND THIS WOULD BE DRESS FOR ALL THOSE PARTICIPATING AS OFFICIALS, BUT NOT NECESSARILY FOR PRESS.

4. IF THE ABOVE SCHEDULE IS MADE FOR THE MORNING OF AUG 11, IT WILL BEGIN AT 9:00 AM. THERE WILL BE TIME FOR BREAKFAST, OF COURSE, AND PERHAPS ANOTHER ACTIVITY IF DESIRED. GIVEN THE HEAVY SCHEDULE HE WILL HAVE HAD FOR A WEEK AND THE NEED TO GET OFF THE PLANE IN TRINIDAD RUNNING, MR. YOUNG

MAY WANT A QUIET MORNING, PRIVATE BREAKFAST, AND A LITTLE TIME TO PREPARE FOR THE 9:00 AM MEETING WITH THE PRIME MINISTER. IF HE PREFERS, HOWEVER, AN HOUR OF THE TIME COULD PROFITABLY BE USED FOR TAPING A ONE-ON-ONE TV INTERVIEW FOR LATER EVENING PRIME-TIME USE, WHICH WOULD HAVE HIGH IMPACT AND WOULD GIVE MR. YOUNG THE CHANCE TO SAY WHAT HE WANTS, IN THE WAY HE WANTS TO SAY IT, SOMETHING THAT IS MORE DIFFICULT IN A PRESS CONFERENCE.

5. A SEPARATE SCHEDULE WILL BE ARRANGED FOR MRS. YOUNG FOR THE MORNING OF AUGUST 11, ENDING UP WITH DEPARTURE ALONG WITH THE AMBASSADOR AT 11:00. THE GOS WILL PROVIDE AN ESCORT BUT NEEDS TO HAVE SOME IDEA OF WHAT MRS. YOUNG WOULD BE INTERESTED IN. THERE ARE SCHOOLS, HOSPITALS, MUSEUMS, THE RED CROSS AND SIMILAR INSTITUTIONS THAT COULD BE VISITED. THE GOS WOULD BE HAPPY TO ORGANIZE A BOAT TRIP FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS ON THE SURINAME RIVER, FROM WHICH OLD FORTS, PLANTATIONS, ETC. CAN BE SEEN ALONG THE WAY. OR WE COULD SET UP A "COFFEE" AT THE EMBASSY RESIDENCE AND INVITE SURINAM WOMEN IN PROFESSIONAL LIFE. THE CHIEF OF PROTOCOL, MRS. RIDDER, WILL TAKE A PERSONAL INTEREST IN MRS. YOUNG'S SCHEDULE AND WOULD LIKE AN INDICATION OF HER INTERESTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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6. THERE NEED BE NO WORRY ABOUT LANGUAGE PROBLEMS IN SURINAM. WHILE DUTCH IS THE OFFICIAL LANGUAGE ENGLISH IS WIDELY SPOKEN AND IS USED MOST FLUENTLY BY ALL MEMBERS OF THE GOVERNMENT, THE PRESS, BUSINESS, ETC. ZURHELLEN

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